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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOVIET YOUNG KOMSOMOL GROUP VISITS LAOS

1. THE LENIN YOUNG KOMSOMOL GROUP HAS GIVEN ARTISTICPERFOR-
MANCES IN LUANG PRABANG AND XIENG KHOUANG (OCTOBER 11-16),
AT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN VIENTIANE (OCTOBER 16)
AND AT THE ODEON RAMA MOVIE HOUSE OCTOBER 18. ALL TOLD THEY
GAVE SOME 28 PERFORMANCES IN ELEVEN DAYS.

2. THE ODEON RAMA PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY THE LAO FOREIGN
MINISTRY WAS LENGTHY, MONOTONOUS, AND INCLUDED TIRESOME
PROPAGANDA SPEECHES AS WELL AS SOME LAO PERFORMANCES. IT WAS
CHIEFLY INTERESTING BECAUSE OF A NUMBER STRESSING THE UNITY OF
THE THREE INDOCHINA COUNTRIES IN CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH SOVIET
UNION AND FEATURING YOUNG GIRL DANCERS DRAPED IN THE NATIONAL
FLAGS OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIA AND
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR AND
WIFE WERE PRESENT AS WERE MANY MEMBERS OF VIETNAMESE EMBASSY
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STAFF. BOTH VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR HAD ATTENDED

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PERFORMANCE AT SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

3. LED BY M.V. GORTCHAKOV, CHIEF OF THE PROPAGANDA AND AGRICULTURE SERVICE AND ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BUREAU OF THE LENIN YOUTH UNION OF THE USSR AND ACCOMPANIED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR VDOVINE, THE GROUP CALLED ON POLITBURO MEMBER/VICE PRIME MINISTER/MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND RELIGION PHOUMI VONGVICHIT ON OCTOBER 19. THEY WERE ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY THONG LAY KOMMASITH, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AGITATION FOR THE CREATION OF THE LAO YOUTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF SAID COMMITTEE.

4. ON OCTOBER 20 BEFORE THE GROUP'S DEPARTURE GORTCHAKOV AND KOMMASITH SIGNED A COMMUNIQUE AND AN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS FOR 1977.
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